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In re application of: Thomas J. Shaw

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For: Retractable Syringe Assembly Designed for One Use

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Dear Sir:

**SEVENTH SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT**

In accordance with the requirements of 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, attached are Forms PTO/SB/08A and PTO/SB/08B listing supplemental information for consideration by the Office in connection with its examination of the above-identified patent application.

Applicant submits that no representation is made, and no representation is intended, that more relevant material does not exist, or that the order of presentation of this material in any way reflects the relative pertinence. The listings on the attached Forms PTO/SB/08A and PTO/SB/08B are not intended to constitute an admission of any kind. Specifically, this presentation is not an admission that the items listed are properly citable against the above-identified application as prior art.

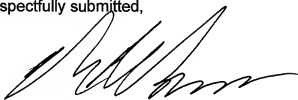
Notification Pursuant to MPEP §2001.06(c)

On or about June 15, 2007, Retractable Technologies, Inc. ("RTI"), exclusive licensee of United States Patent Nos. 5,578,011, 5,632,733 and 6,090,077, sued Becton Dickinson and Company ("BD") for infringement of those patents in the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Texas, Marshall Division (Civil Action No. 2:07-cv-00250-DF). Thomas Shaw, the inventor of the subject application, is also now a plaintiff in the suit. The patents in suit issued on prior applications in the family of applications upon which Applicant's claim of priority for the claims in the instant application are based. On or about December 14, 2007, BD served its Preliminary Invalidity Contentions ("Contentions"). In its Contentions, BD cited three additional U.S. patents that were not previously of record in the prosecution of this application, and one international publication that is a counterpart to U.S. 5,407,436, which is already of record. The newly cited documents, U.S. 5,116,320, 5,190,526, 5,458,576 and WO/1992/018187, are listed on the accompanying Form PTO/SB/08A and copies of the international publication and Contentions are attached.

Applicant respectfully submits that the invention is patentable over the enclosed documents listed on Forms PTO/SB/08A and PTO/SB/08B.

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Respectfully submitted,

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